

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3080, United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Senate passed H.R. 3079, United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

Senate passed H.R. 3078, United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6397–S6471

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1682–1699, and S. Res. 291–292. **Page S6461**

Measures Passed:

United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 161), Senate passed H.R. 3080, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

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United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: By 77 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 162), Senate passed H.R. 3079, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

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United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 163), Senate passed H.R. 3078, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

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National Life Insurance Awareness Month: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Life Insurance Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6470**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 292, designating the week beginning October 16, 2011, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S6470–71**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 p.m., on Thursday, October 13, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Susan Owens Hickey, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, and Katherine B. Forrest, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, under the previous order of September 26, 2011. **Page S6471**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul W. Hodes, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy. **Page S6471**

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Measures Referred: **Page S6457**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:**Pages S6397, S6457****Executive Communications:****Pages S6457–59****Executive Reports of Committees:****Pages S6459–61****Additional Cosponsors:****Pages S6461–63****Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:****Pages S6463–69****Additional Statements:****Pages S6456–57****Notices of Hearings/Meetings:****Page S6469****Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Pages S6469–70****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S6470**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
(Total—163)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6471.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL ROLE IN DISASTER RECOVERY AND RESPONSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the Federal role in disaster recovery and response, after receiving testimony from Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant of the Army for Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Bruce Nelson, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, and Homer Wilkes, Acting Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Small Business Administration; Gregory G. Nadeau, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and Fred Tombar, Senior Advisor for Disaster Programs, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the congressional budget process, after receiving testimony from Louis Fisher, Constitution Project, Washington, D.C.; Philip G. Joyce, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park; and Paul L. Posner, George Mason

University Centers on the Public Service, Fairfax, Virginia.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine universal service reform, focusing on bringing broadband to all Americans, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Frontier Communications, and Michael K. Powell, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Mary N. Dillon, United States Cellular Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Shirley Bloomfield, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Philip B. Jones, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Olympia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Susan Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Adrienne S. O'Neal, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, all of the Department of State, Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, and Terry Lewis, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.